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Abstract

Copper(I) formate complexes of the formula $L_nCu(HCOO) \cdot x \ HCOOH$, where x is from 0 to 10, n is 1, 2, 3 or 4 and the n ligands L, independently of one another, are each one of the following ligands:

- a phosphane of the formula R¹R²R³P;
- a phosphite of the formula (R¹O)(R²O)(R³O)P;
- an isocyanide of the formula R¹-NC;
- an alkene of the formula R¹R²C=CR³R⁴; or
- an alkyne of the formula R¹C≡CR²;

where R¹, R², R³ and R⁴, independently of one another, are hydrogen, a linear or branched, optionally partly or completely fluorinated alkyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, phosphinoalkyl or aryl radical of one to 20 carbon atoms;

with the exception of triphenylphosphinocopper(I) formate and 1,1,1-tris(diphenylphosphinomethyl)ethanecopper(I) formate;

are decomposed for depositing metallic copper.